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## **HUDGENS ESTIMATES \$40 MILLION IN INSURED LOSSES FROM FRIDAY'S STORMS IN GEORGIA**

**Atlanta** – Insurance Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens estimates insured losses in Georgia from Friday's severe weather has now reached approximately \$40 million.

"I want to remind everyone that these are very preliminary numbers," Hudgens said. "It takes many weeks for both the insurers and insureds to fully assess the extent of the damage from the storm. The insurance companies will continue to report information to us over the next few weeks."

Commissioner Hudgens would like to remind Georgians to inventory their belongings in case of a disaster. For iPhone/Android users this task can now be handled through an App called Scr.APP.bk provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. This App will allow iPhone/Android users to take pictures of their items, scan barcodes, add purchase price and date, and it even provides great tips regarding disaster preparation and insurance.

By going to the Department of Insurance's website ([www.oci.ga.gov](http://www.oci.ga.gov)) and following the simple instructions on how to download the application, Georgians will have a catalog of their belongings. Also on the website, iPhone/Android users can watch a demo video.

Commissioner Hudgens also wants to remind Georgians that they can call his Consumer Services Division at **404-656-2070**, or outside the Metro area at **1-800-656-2298** if they have questions about a claim or if they are experiencing difficulty reaching their insurance company. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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